agriculture produce and the steps taken to rectify the malady; and

(e) whether farmers would be allowed to launch their own mini-sellers for paddy processing without any conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Any person can obtain a permit for setting up of a rice mill to convert paddy into rice provided he fulfils the conditions laid down in the RMI Act 1958.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Farmers are allowed to set up their own shellers provided they comply with the conditions laid down in the RMI Act 1958 as stated at (a) & (b) above.

Scheme for Industries to hold land beyond ceiling limit

1643. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulating any scheme for the industry to hold land beyond ceiling limits for investment in agriculture and allied activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) what impactus and incentives Government intend to give to ensure direct industrial investment possible in agriculture and allied activities; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) To encourage backward linkage between the processors and the growers through contract farming for horticulture produce, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is operating a scheme for providing incentives to the industry. Similar schemes for contract farming for pork processing, poultry processing and goat, sheep and rabbit meat processing are also being operated.

Dialogue with SCICI

1644. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would initiate a direct dialogue with S.C.I.C.I. to return seized fishing vessels in Andhra Pradesh to operators within a fixed time-frame; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to revise actions of S.C.I.C.I. which had an adverse impact on the deep-sea fishing industry in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Seizing and auction of seized vessels are conducted by the Receivers appointed under the SDFC (Abolition) Act, 1986 and the Receiver appointed under the Act is an agent of the shipowner. SCICI has no role to play in this regard.

Demand for exporting organic products to EEC

1645. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the approximate current demand for exporting organic products to EEC;

(b) what are the details of quality parameters of agricultural produce required for food processing; and

(c) what is the estimated break-up of production of processed fruits and vegetables products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN